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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

Traffic Detours for Fall Festival October 13

The following traffic detours will be in effect from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. October 13 during the Fall Festival; call 703-385-7924.

Route 236/Main Street (eastbound) — Traffic will turn right on Judicial Drive, right on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road, left on Armstrong Street, left on Sideburn Road, right on Sager Avenue, left on Locust Street, right on Route 236 (eastbound access only).

Route 236/Main Street (westbound) — Traffic will turn right on Old Lee Highway, left on Layton Hall Drive, right on University Drive, left on Kenmore Drive, left on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road and right on North Street to Route 236/Main Street (westbound access only).

University Drive (closed at Whitehead Street) — Traffic will be detoured to Layton Hall Drive (see Route 236 westbound) or Kenmore Drive to Route 123/Chain Bridge Road.

George Mason Boulevard (closed at Armstrong Street) — Traffic will be detoured to Sideburn Road (see Route 236 eastbound) or Route 123/Chain Bridge Road.

Columbus Day Closure October 8

The General District Court will be closed October 8 in observance of Columbus Day; call 703-385-7866. City government offices will be open regular hours for service.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Fall Festival October 13 Features Crafts, Music, Autos

Find old favorite events in a new layout this year, plus larger amusement rides and three stages of entertainment at the Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 13 in Old Town Fairfax.

Major activities will be centralized in the Old Town area. Juried crafters will sell handmade wares such as pottery, toys, woodcrafts, needlework and more. Also enjoy a petting zoo, food and a zipline.

Booths and displays will line University Drive, Sager Avenue, Main Street and North Street. These roads will be closed to

traffic during the festival (see road closure information at left).

Admission to the festival is free, with fees for rides and some children's activities.

Children will have their own activities at the Carnival Stage in the SunTrust Bank parking lot and in the lot adjacent to Old Town Hall. Amusement rides and recreation class demonstrations also will be offered in the SunTrust Bank park-



ing lot.

The Main Stage at University Drive and North Street will feature an Octoberfest beer garden, hot dog sales and live

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Sherwood Wins Design Award — see page 3!

City Refinances Bonds, Saves Millions

A recent refinancing of \$35.7 million in debt obligations by the city will save about \$4.4 million in debt service costs over the next two decades.

The savings for the current fiscal year alone are about \$393,000. The original financings, obtained in 2004 and 2005, funded the first phase of capital improvement projects for Fairfax High School, which was built in 1972, and Lanier Middle School, built in 1960.

In 2004, city voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum allowing the city to issue bonds for \$86.8 million to fund renovations to permit the aging buildings to meet current specifications under today's educational requirements.

These school buildings were brought up to current building code specifications. Improvements included new fire alarms, sprinkler systems and the proper electrical infrastructure to support technology requirements, which had vastly changed since the schools were built.

This is not the first time the city has sought to benefit from lowered interest rates. In 2011, the city refinanced other bond obligations at a savings estimated at \$140,000 this fiscal year (and nearly \$900,000 in debt service alone over several years).

The city continues to find efficient ways to reduce government costs. For information, call 703-385-7872.



NEWS & NOTES

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday Offered October 5-8

The Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Taxation is offering a four-day sales tax holiday October 5-8, during which no Virginia sales tax will be collected on qualifying energy-saving items.

The exemption applies to the purchase of certain qualified Energy Star and WaterSense products purchased for non-commercial use and costing \$2,500 or less.

Qualifying items include dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators, air conditioners, ceiling fans, compact fluorescent light bulbs and programmable thermostats that carry the Energy Star designation.

Qualifying WaterSense items include bathroom sink faucets, faucet accessories and toilets.

For information, call (804) 367-8031.

City Maintains VML Silver-Level Certification

The City of Fairfax has maintained its "green government" silver rating with the Virginia Municipal League for the second year in a row.

"Go Green Virginia" Green Government Challenge is a friendly competition among Virginia municipal governments.

This competition is designed to encourage implementation of policies and practical actions to reduce carbon emissions of both local government and the broader community. For information, call 703-385-7805.

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the City of Fairfax electronic
message alert system,
on the
city's website:
www.fairfaxva.gov.

see the
city's
Web site!



Craft Show, Festival of Lights and Carols On the Horizon

The city ends the year with two popular events: the Holiday Craft Show and the Festival of Lights and Carols. For information, call 703-385-7858.

The Holiday Craft Show will fill Fairfax High School with hundreds of crafters November 17-18. The event will include a food court and photos with Santa.

The craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the high school, 3501 Rebel Run. Admission is \$5 each day for adults or \$8 for a two-day pass. Admission is free for children age 17 and younger.

Ring in the holiday



season with Lunch with Santa and annual lighting of the Christmas tree at the Festival of Lights and Carols in Old Town Fairfax December 1.

Youngsters up to age 12 can enjoy lunch with Santa Claus at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. December 1 in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Tickets cost \$6 per child and will go on sale November 1 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices in City Hall and at Green Acres Center. A maximum of five tickets are allowed per purchase.

Other activities include music and the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Kitty Pozer Garden.

Voter Registration Continues Through October 15 Before Election

City voters may exercise their right to vote in the November 6 General Election. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7890.

Sample ballots are available at the General Registrar's Office and on the city's website.

To be eligible to vote in the November 6 General Election, voter registration applications are due by 5 p.m. October 15. The Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

To register to vote in Virginia, applicants must be U. S. citizen at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election, a resident of Virginia, and a

resident of their local precinct.

Virginia voters should keep their information current (name, address) — and update changes immediately.

Those unable to vote on Election Day may be eligible to vote absentee. In-person absentee voting is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays), as well as October 27 and November 3, at the Sisson House next to City Hall.

Mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications must be received by 5 p.m. October 30. The final day for in-person absentee voting is November 3.

Polling stations are fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

Cold War Museum Hosts Conference at George Mason University October 27

After half a century, the Cuban Missile Crisis remains a landmark event in world history — and the public is invited to learn more about it from distinguished historians, authors and first-hand participants at a seminar to be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. October 27 at the George Mason University Harris Theater.

The free event is being held by the Cold War Museum in conjunction with George Mason University's Department

of History and Art History.

Scheduled speakers include Sergei Khrushchev, son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev; authors Michael Dobbs, Dino Brugioni and Mason Professor Martin Sherwin; and pilots Buddy Brown and Tad Riley, who will give first-hand accounts of reconnaissance over Cuba.

Registration is required. For information, visit www.coldwar.org or call 540-341-2008.

Sherwood Community Center Wins Design Award

The city's newest facility, the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, has been named this year's Best New Facility by the non-profit Virginia Recreation and Parks Society.

Opened in 2011, the Sherwood Community Center was built with a \$5 million gift from Geraldine Sherwood to honor her husband Stacy C. Sherwood, a former City Councilmember. The center provides a wide range of arts, activities and programs provided by the Parks and Recreation Department and is available for weddings, private business and social activities.

The Virginia Recreation and Parks Society is affiliated with the National

Recreation and Park Association, which awarded the Parks and Recreation Department in 2011 its prestigious Gold Medal Award. Additionally, Cityscreen-12's video submitted for the Gold Medal Award also was honored for excellence; watch it on the city's website or YouTube.



Drop in to the Sherwood Community Center for its many recreation services and programs for all members of the household. Among the most popular are the monthly cinema series (*Gnomeo and Juliet*, October 12) and open playtime. For information, check the current issue of *Leisure Times* (available on the city's website) or call 703-385-7858.

University/Community Forum October 3 at City Hall Televised Live

The next University and Community Forum, which will be held October 3, will include information on a proposed residential development adjacent to George Mason University, the university's proposed West Campus Connector Road and the introduction of Mason President Ángel Cabrera.

The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. October 3 in the City Hall Council Chamber. This meeting will be televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12; see page 5. For

information, call 703-385-7850.

At the forum, community members will receive information on and have an opportunity to discuss the proposed residential development on the Eleven Oaks property at the intersection of George Mason Boulevard and School Street.

Information about the proposed Eleven Oaks project is available at the Community Development and Planning Office, City Annex Room 207. For information, call 703-385-7930.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.



Curbside Leaf Collection Begins November 5

The City of Fairfax will offer curbside leaf collection from November 5 through December 31.



Please rake loose leaves to the curb — but do not bag them. Bagged leaves will not be collected during

curbside leaf collection and the landfill will not accept them as trash.

Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles.

However, please keep stones, branches and other large items out of leaf piles — they damage equipment and endanger workers' safety.

For information, call the Leaf Collection Hotline at 703-385-LEAF.

Contractor Debris Not Collected Curbside

The city's curbside collection of trash and recyclables is extended to residents who dispose of their household refuse and recycling, including do-it-yourself projects.

However, contractors must dispose of any refuse and recycling they generate. *The city does not collect contractor debris.*

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Keep Halloween Safe With Rules

Adults and children can keep Halloween safe and fun by following safety rules recommended by the City of Fairfax Police Department.

Trick-or-treaters and their escorts should be familiar with their route, and all pedestrians should be visible in the dark by wearing light-colored costumes or carrying flashlights or glow-sticks.

Trick-or-treaters should be supervised by an adult. Children should never enter a house while trick-or-treating, especially a stranger's house.

When the treats make it home, parents should carefully examine all treats before anything is eaten to make sure edibles are safe.

If children attend a party, adults should know the details.

For information, call 703-385-7966.



Fall Festival

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music: Leggz and Girlz, Girlz, Girlz.

Enjoy cultural performances in Old Town Hall throughout the day.

The Woman's Club of Fairfax will sell its annual Christmas ornament, which this year features Fairfax High School. Cost is \$10.

Check out the Open House at Fire Station 3, 4031 University Drive.

Free shuttles will run from Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, and from George Mason University, 4400 University Drive.

Handicapped and bicycle parking will be available in parking lots at North Street and Old Lee Highway, Main and East streets and adjacent to Fire Station 3.

Fall Festival sponsors include Fair City Mall, 97.1 WASH FM, Cox Communications and Crystal Springs.

Festival rain date is October 14.

For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.



Personal Property Taxes, Decal Payments Due October 5

Personal property tax bills and vehicle decal bills are combined on one form, which will be mailed by early September.

Payments for both personal property taxes and vehicle decals are due by October 5. Payments received or postmarked after October 5 will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest.

To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report any changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

If the bill requires no changes, please mail the payment promptly.

Decal enforcement begins November 16, and *decals are required to be displayed on vehicles garaged in the city.*

Citizens also may pay taxes and decal fees online through the city's website using a credit card or e-check. Credit card payments are charged an

additional fee by the service provider. There is no additional fee for e-checks.

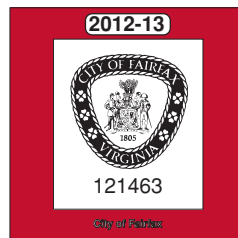
The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as from 5-7 p.m. Friday, October 5.

The 2012 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value.

The commonwealth will pay 50.65 percent of up to \$20,000 of assessed value for personal use vehicles. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Citizens must pay the net amount due on the tax bill.

Decals cost \$33 each for cars and trucks and \$18 each for motorcycles.

For information on tax payments, call 703-385-7900. For personal property tax information, call 703-385-7880.



• one bill • one payment •

Community Immunity: When Everyone is Vaccinated, Everyone is Safe

Get ready for flu season: fight the flu with the annual flu vaccine. When everyone is immunized, the entire community is protected.

Obtain the flu vaccine as early as possible. The vaccine is safe and effective and cannot cause the flu, and is recommended that everyone age six months and older, especially people who are at high risk: young children, senior citizens, pregnant women and people who have certain medical conditions such as asthma and

chronic lung disease.

Prevent flu (and other communicable diseases) not only by washing your hands often, covering coughs and sneezes — but stay home when your sick.

Many doctors and pharmacies offer flu shots. So does the Fairfax County Health Department, which the city contracts with for health services.

Call 703-246-7100 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/flu for information and local vaccine providers.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Commission for Women** (two vacancies for city residents) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
 - **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
 - **Economic Development Authority** (four vacancies for city residents) — Fosters and promotes economic development and redevelopment in the City of Fairfax in harmony with the proper balance of commercial and residential enterprise and in alignment with the future needs of the community.
- Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**



OCTOBER CABLE SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through October 17, watch an encore presentation of the City of Fairfax Band's "The War Years," an extravaganza of Big Band favorites from the 1940s.

Beginning October 18, enjoy highlights from the 2012 Fall Festival entertainment.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Programs are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, October 1, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, October 2, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, October 4, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 2

Community/University Forum

Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Friday, October 5, 10 am, 7 pm;
Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online October 10

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, October 8, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, October 9, 10 am;
Thursday, October 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 9

Monday, October 22, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, October 23, 10 am;
Thursday, October 25, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 23

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, October 9, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, October 10 and
Friday, October 12, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday,
October 13 and Sunday, October 14,
10 am
Archived online October 10

OnDEMAND replay begins October 14
Tuesday, October 23, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, October 24 and
Friday, October 26, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday,
October 27 and Sunday, October 28,
10 am

Archived online October 24

OnDEMAND replay begins October 28

City Council Special Work Session at George Mason University

Tuesday, October 30, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, October 31; Thursday,
November 1; Friday, November 2; Saturday,
November 3; Sunday, November 4, 10 am,
7 pm

Archived online October 31

OnDEMAND replay begins November 4

Watch an earthquake simulation video for Hey the Great SouthEast Shakeout at 10:18 a.m. October 18!

Programming is subject to change — see CityScreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803. 

Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

October 1 regular meeting

- Student representative report.
- Presentations: Common Core and SOL Comparison; update of Governor Bob McDonnell's budget for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Public hearing on and approval of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.

October 15 work session

- Presentations: membership report; student achievement update; legislative Program; updated Six Year Plan.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

October 8 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion of issues and regulations pertaining to beekeeping in the city.

October 22 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

October 9 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration of an award of contract for Kitty Pozer design development and drawings.
- Public hearings: on an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to fire prevention and protection and amending references to the fire chief and the fire department; on an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company by ordinance on July 20, 1982 (Ordinance No. 1982-24); on an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC by ordinance on July 20, 1982 (Ordinance No. 1982-25); on an appropriation resolution in

the amount of \$125,000 to fund park projects with the Jaguar proffer funds; on a request by Antonio's New York Pizza for a special use permit to allow delivery services.

- Presentation by Ameresco on the performance contracting project which will to provide energy savings to the city buildings, where the savings are used to help with capital purchases.
- Discussion of a request for a rezoning request and a special exception for a new shopping center at 9538 Lee Highway.

October 23 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration of an award of contract for Blenheim trail renovations.
- Public hearings: on a request by Woodmont Shopping Center for a special exception for a parking reduction; on a request by New York Pizza Factory for a special use permit to allow delivery services.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission of a rezoning request to accommodate higher density single-family homes on the Eleven Oaks property.
- Discussion of a request for rezoning for Avery Park on Carol Street.

October 30 special work session with the George Mason University Student Government (at George Mason University)

- Presentation by Bob Vay, Mason Special Collections and Archives, on the history and relationship between the City and Mason.
- Discussions: of city services provided to the university; of future economic development needs in the Old Town Fairfax District.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm. 



CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

September 11

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: consideration of a resolution of support for Physicians Transport Service (PTS) to operate within the city; consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the city and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purchase and installation of additional intersection emergency battery back-up power systems and the purchase and installation of advance wireless signal detectors; consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Fairfax, Virginia and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Burke Station Road reconstruction; consideration for approval of fiscal year 2013-4 Performance Contract between the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Fairfax-Falls Church Community

Services Board; consideration for approval of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board Area XI Consortium Agreement for the period from July 2012 through June 2014; introduction of an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the Pickett Road school bus lot to the Fairfax County School Board upon construction of the same and directing City staff to finalize the terms of such conveyance.

Public hearings

- Deferred, unanimously, the public hearing and Council action on an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$3,855,000 for the acquisition of a portion of certain real property located at 3800 Pickett Road, comprising approximately 2.33 acres, and construction of a school bus parking lot to September 25, 2012.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to execute the fol-

lowing agreements between the city and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation: 1) WMATA Operations fiscal year 2012-13 Project Agreement; 2) WMATA Capital fiscal year 2012-13 Project Agreement; 3) Project Agreement fiscal year 2012-13 NVTC Capital; and 4) Project Agreement fiscal year 2012-13 NVTC Supplemental Administrative Funds, including any amendments thereto, provided that the agreements and the amendments are acceptable to the city manager and approved as to form by the city attorney.

Watch televised City Council meetings live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station, as well as on Cox Communications OnDEMAND and on the city's website. See page 5!

Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.



DID YOU KNOW

Daniels Run Elementary Receives 'Walk to School Day' Grant

Daniels Run Elementary School will participate in International Walk to School Day October 3 — with help from a \$1,000 QuickStart mini-grant from VDOT's Safe Routes to School program.

On October 3, participating parents will set up rest stops along three major paths to school, where walkers and bikers can stop for breakfast treats, gifts, safety information and activities. Additionally, activity sheets and safety information will be given to all Daniels Run students. For information, call 703-279-8400.

Walk to School Day raises awareness for the need for safer walking and bicycle routes. The program also aims to emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and concern for the environment.

'Great Shake-Out' October 18 Prepare for Earthquakes

Virginia encourages its residents to join the Great SouthEast ShakeOut to help prepare for earthquakes. Visit www.shakeout.org/southeast to sign up for the drill. At 10:18 a.m. October 18, participants will receive a notice to practice how to be safe during an earthquake.

The Great SouthEast ShakeOut is a regional opportunity to practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On." While earthquake hazard varies regionally, most of the Southeast is prone to earthquakes.

For information, call 703-385-4856.

Learn How to Winterize Your Home November 10

Learn how to prepare your home for winter comfort and year-round energy savings at a seminar scheduled for 2-4:30 p.m. November 10 at Green Acres Center,

4401 Sideburn Road.

The seminar, sponsored by the city's Environmental Sustainability Committee, offers information from experts on caulking, energy audits, "smart" thermostats and more. For information, call 703-385-7805.

Information Resources In Case of Emergency...

- City website: www.fairfaxva.gov
- Cityscreen-12, city's television station
- eMAS messages: emas.fairfaxva.gov
- City newsline — 703-273-1776
- 1650 AM radio
- Facebook: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- Twitter: [CityofFairfaxVa](https://twitter.com/CityofFairfaxVa)
- General information: 703-385-7855 (TTY: 711) (regular business hours)
- Office of Emergency Management: 703-385-4856 (TTY: 711) (regular business hours)

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.</p> <p>7 State tax holiday for Energy Star and WaterSense products — see page 2 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets</p> <p>14 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>First Lady Dolley Madison and the War of 1812</i>, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center <i>Peter Gabriel</i>, 8 pm, Patriot Center</p> <p>21 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station Fall Book Sale, 1-3 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>28 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets</p>	<p>1  <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series</i>, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>8  <i>Columbus Day</i> State tax holiday for Energy Star and WaterSense products — see page 2 City government offices open General District Court closed Commission on the Arts grant applications due Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>15 Last day to register to vote before the November 6 General Election <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series</i>, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School</p> <p>22  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>29 Human Services Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>2 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Astronomy observing session, 7 pm, George Mason University</p> <p>9  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>16 Astronomy observing session, 7 pm, George Mason University Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall Evening Book Discussion, 7:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>23  <i>Tails to Tales</i> (age 6-12), 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>30  Final day to apply for a General Election absentee ballot by mail or fax City Council special work session with George Mason University Student Government, 7 pm, GMU Mason Hall (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>3  Environmental Sustainability Committee, 6:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center University/Community Forum, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>10 Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center</p> <p>17 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Sesquicentennial Committee meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim</p> <p>24  Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. 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Remember: curbside leaf collection begins November 5. Rake leaves loose to the curb for collection through December! Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-LEAF.

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Arts and Cultural Events Line.....	703-352-ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library	703-293-6227
Civil War Interpretive Center.....	703-591-0560
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FHS Sports Line.....	703-749-8130
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Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of food and wine at Historic Fairfax City, Inc.'s *Taste of the Vine* from 6:30-9 p.m. October 5 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit Historic Blenheim restoration. For information, call 703-591-5305.

Arts Grant Applications Due October 8

Local arts organizations may apply for the city's Commission on the Arts annual grants, which may fund a myriad of opportunities. These grants may fund endeavors including education, creating art and new arts organizations in the city. Applications must be submitted by 9 a.m. October 8.

For information, visit www.fairfaxspotlight.org or call 703-352-ARTS.

Chocolate Lovers Festival Grant Applications Now Accepted

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee seeks nominations for its 2013 grant program. Grant applications are accepted by the committee through November 15.

Each year, the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee chooses a local non-profit organization that contributes to

the common good and the community at large to receive a portion of the event proceeds.

The non-profit organization must be located in the City of Fairfax or, if it is located in the metropolitan Washington area, must provide service directly to people who live in the City of Fairfax.

For an application, visit the Chocolate Lovers Festival website at www.chocolatefestival.net or call 703-385-7949.

Bonita Lestina Performance Series Begins October 12 in Old Town Hall

Enjoy these free concerts in historic Old Town Hall through the spring. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. at 3999 University Drive, and doors open by 7:30 pm for seating.

October 12	<i>Beau Soir Ensemble — Flute, Viola & Harp</i>
October 26	<i>U.S. Navy Band "Skipjack Trio" — Jazz</i>
November 9	<i>The Friends of Fasch Chamber Ensemble — German Baroque</i>
December 14	<i>Bobby Jasinski Jazz Trio — Jazz Piano, Bassist, Drummer</i>
January 11, 2013	<i>Bravura Chamber Ensemble — Clarinet, Violin, Vocals</i>
January 25, 2013	<i>The Alexandria Klezmer — Traditional and Innovative Klezmer</i>
February 8, 2013	<i>U.S. Navy Band Woodwind Quintet — Classical and Contemporary</i>
February 22, 2013	<i>Roger Behrend Brass Quartet — Euphonium/Brass Quartet</i>
March 8, 2013	<i>Washington Saxophone Quartet — Classical Saxophone</i>
March 22, 2013	<i>Alex Hassan, Doug Bowles & Kari Paludan — Novelty, Ragtime Piano with Vocals</i>
April 12, 2013	<i>Russkie Musikanti — Russian Folk/Balalaika</i>

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For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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